THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) It has come to the notice of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) that certain Foreign Universities are offering courses in technical education in the country. It is also reported that many of the courses offered by these Universities/Institutions are not even accredited in the country of origin.

(b) No such data is maintained centrally.

(c) To systematise the operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions imparting technical education, AICTE has notified Regulation for entry and operation of foreign Universities/Institution imparting technical education in India. As per these Regulations, no Foreign University/ Institutions shall establish/operate its educational activities in India leading to award of Degree and Diploma in Technical Education without the express permission/approval of AICTE. The Regulations were notified on 6th May, 2003. All such Institutions already operating in India has to obtain fresh approval from AICTE within 6 months from the date of notification of the Regulations or before commencement of ensuing academic session, whichever is earlier.

(d) As per the information furnished by AICTE, they have so far received 25 applications for registration of Foreign Universities/ Institutions imparting technical education in India.

Medium of instruction of Humanities subjects in colleges under DU

†626. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many renowned colleges under Delhi University have switched over the medium of instruction of Humanities subjects to English only, in their respective prospectus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the medium of instruction in some of its affiliated colleges is English while it is Hindi in some other colleges. However, in many colleges instructions are imparted both in English as well as in Hindi medium. The students also have the option of taking university examinations in either of the two mediums.

Funds to State Governments under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†627. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted the funds to State Governments towards annual expenses under "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' to achieve the target of providing primary education to all children of 6 to 14 years age-group by the end of December, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of actual utilization of funds by each State during the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) The programme is being implemented in mission mode and funds are released in accordance with the District Elementary Education Programmes approved by the Project Approval Board to State Implementation Societies constituted by the State Government.

A statement showing State-wise and Year-wise funds allotted to states and the funds utilized by them under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during 2001-02 and 2002-03 is enclosed.

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